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Attorney Docket No.: LAM1P123

First Named Inventor: BAILEY III

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MW**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) REQUEST TRANSMITTAL  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.53(d)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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This is a request for filing a

Continuation       Divisional

application under 37 CFR §1.53(d) (continued prosecution application) of prior pending application No. 09/470,236, filed on November 15, 1999, entitled PLASMA PROCESSING SYSTEM WITH DYNAMIC GAS DISTRIBUTION CONTROL.

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Assigned to: Lam Research Corporation

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- THIS APPLICATION ABANDONS THE PARENT APPLICATION
- MAY NOT BE USED WHEN THE PARENT IS A PROVISIONAL
- NO REFERENCE TO PRIOR APPLICATION IN CPA PERMITTED

- Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on the prior nonprovisional application. under 37 CFR 1.116 in
- A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4). DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
- A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
- Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-Form 1449 is enclosed.

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Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	37	MINUS	20	= 17	x 18	306.00
INDEP.	03	MINUS	3	= 00	x 80	0.00
[ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim						\$270
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)						\$710
						TOTAL
						1016.00
SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable)						

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or to charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. LAM1P123).

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. LAM1P123).

Check No. 12015 in the amount of \$1126.00 is enclosed.

Suspension of Prosecution for the time necessary to file an amendment is requested

An Extension of Time in the prior application is requested.

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In re application of: Bailey III et al.

Attorney Docket No.:  
LAM1P123/P0557

Application No.: 09/470,236

Examiner: Alejandro Mulero, L.

Filed: November 15, 1999

Group: 1763

Title: PLASMA PROCESSING SYSTEM WITH  
DYNAMIC GAS DISTRIBUTION CONTROL#72B  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

  
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Prior to a first action on the merits, please enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

All pending claims have been reproduced for the convenience of the Examiner.

Please AMEND claim 1 as follows: